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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJECT: EXPROPRIATED U.S. PROPERTY IN ETHIOPIA

REFS: (A) ADDIS 9854; (B) STATE 204637; (C) ADDIS 7654

1. WE CONCUR WITH THE CHANGE PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH 1(A) OF REF A.

2. THE EMBASSY'S PROPOSED CHANGES IN PARAGRAPH 1(B) ARE FINE, EXCEPT THAT THE FINAL PHRASE QUOTE AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE UNQUOTE SHOULD BE OMITTED BECAUSE IT WOULD SOMEWHAT UNDERCUT THE NEED FOR GREATER URGENCY THAT WE WISH TO CONVEY.

3. THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF THE PROPOSED NOTE (REF B) IS INTENDED TO URGE THE EPMG TO RETURN THE PROPERTIES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIRMS WHOSE STATUS IS UNCLEAR (PARAGRAPH 2 OF REF C). WHILE

THE EFFORT MAY NOT BE FRUITFUL, THE POINT SHOULD BE MADE.

4. PARA 3 OF REF A ASKS FOR CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT SPECIFIC STEPS THE EMBASSY SHOULD SUGGEST TO EPMG OFFICIALS. WHILE WE AGREE THAT SPECIFIC DETAILS SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED BY THE FIRMS AND THE EPMG, THE EMBASSY SHOULD SOLICIT COMPANY VIEWS ON WHAT STEPS WOULD BE HELPFUL AND IF THE

EMBASSY CONSIDERS SUCH STEPS HELPFUL AND FEASIBLE, THE EMBASSY SHOULD SUGGEST THEM TO EPMG. THE INTENT IS TO PROD THE EPMG TO TAKE SOME ACTION IN ORDER TO AVOID THE PROBABLE LOSS OF ECONOMIC BENEFITS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED SUGGESTIONS FROM U.S. FIRMS OTHER THAN CROWN CORK AND SEAL (STATE 201997), ON WHICH A FURTHER MESSAGE WILL BE FORTHCOMING. ROBINSON

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